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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO GENEVA, LAGOS FROM USUN NEW YORK DEC 06:

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SUBJECT: LOS: GENEVA INTERSESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS

1. UN UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL ZULETA HAS GIVEN US THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON DECEMBER 6 REGARDING THE GENEVA INTERSESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS. THE REASON FOR THE DELAY IN SCHEDULING THESE CONSULTATIONS HAS BEEN THE UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHETHER THE AFRICAN GROUP WOULD MEET IN LAGOS BEFORE THE GENEVA MEETING TAKES PLACE. ENGO HAS BEEN HOLDING BACK HIS AGREEMENT TO GO TO THE GENEVA MEETING PENDING A DECISION ON WHETHER THER WILL BE CONSULTATIONS IN LAGOS. ZULETA WILL BE INFORMING ENGO THAT THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NEITHER SET A DATE FOR SUCH A MEETING, NOR GIVEN ANY INDICATION THAT IT INTENDS TO CONVENE ONE.

2. ZULETA SAID THAT IT IS HIS ASSUMPTION THAT EVENSON WILL NOW SCHEDULE THE GENEVA CONSULTATIONS FOR THE FIRST TWO WEEKS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN MARCH. ZULETA REQUESTED THAT WE KEEP HIM INFORMED IF

WE LEARN ANYTHING ABOUT PLANS FOR THE AFRICAN GROUP OR GENEVA MEETING.

3. SPEAKING ON PERSONAL BASIS, ZULETA ALSO TOLD MISOFF THAT HE REGARDED VANCE APPOINTMENT AS POSITIVE AUGURY BOTH FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA AND THE UNITED NATIONS. HE RECALLED THAT VANCE, IN HIS CAPACITY AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, HAD INDICATED HIS AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LOS NEGOTIATIONS AND OF THE ROLE OF THE UN IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. SCRANTON UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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